

HOUSE BILL 794

By Brooks H

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to dual enrollment
grants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following;

(d) It is the intent of the general assembly that funding for Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants and Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants take priority over funding for dual enrollment grants. In the event of a shortfall of funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from net proceeds of the state lottery, TSAC is authorized to reduce or eliminate dual enrollment grants, prior to a reduction in the amounts awarded for Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants and Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants. Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly, the award for a credit hour taken under a dual enrollment grant shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) for the 2009-2010 academic year. For academic years subsequent to the 2009-2010 academic year, the amount awarded per credit hour for the dual enrollment grant shall be determined in accordance with § 4-51-111 and shall be set in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() TSAC, in consultation with THEC, shall promulgate rules and regulations to permit dual enrollment students who attend high schools operating on a block schedule

to take the two (2) dual enrollment courses in one (1) semester of a school year, in lieu of one (1) dual enrollment course in each of two (2) semester of a school year.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding § 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee student assistance corporation is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules to implement the provisions of Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.